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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2001, which was made final, Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2001, claims 1-51 are now pending in the case.

In paragraphs 1 and 2 on page two of the Office Action, claims 1-4,6-8, 31, 33, 34, 36-38 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kirkwood. The Office Action stated that the claimed invention is taught by Kirkwood.